

REMARKS

The present supplemental amendment submits new independent claim 25 and its depending claims 25 to 32, which are here submitted to better express the invention herein. No additional claim fees are incurred by these new claims, since a number of claims were canceled previously.

Claim 25 recites a method in which prior to drawing a glass cylinder, a test glass strand from the test cylinder or a portion of the glass cylinder is drawn with a longitudinal axis thereof extending vertically through a first xy-position in a horizontal plane. A geometrical property of the test strand indicative of a deviation of the test strand from a desired circular or annular state of the test strand is measured. An adjusted xy-position is determined from the first xy-position and the measured geometrical attribute such that when the glass cylinder extends through the heating zone with the longitudinal axis thereof extending through the xy-position, heating thereof is improved relative to the first xy-position.

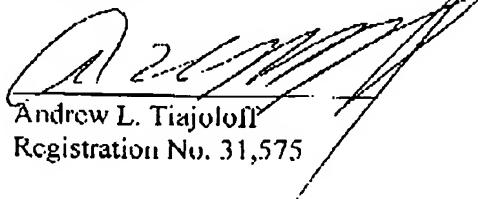
As was expressed during the recent interview, no reference suggests adjusting the xy-position of a glass cylinder being drawn so as to improve the heating of the tube, and claim 25 is therefore believed allowable.

Claims 26 to 33 depend directly or indirectly from claim 25 and therefore distinguish therewith over the cited art.

Formal allowance is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise, the Patent Office is invited to telephone attorney for applicants at 212-490-3285.

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